**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Vocabulary List C**





1. **skulk** - (verb) to hide out or walk about with a guilty conscience; to move or slink about in a sinister or stealthy manner; to lie or keep in hiding, as for some evil reason: ***The thief skulked in the shadows.******The panther skulked through the forest.***

2. **tirade** - (noun) a long angry speech; a rant; a prolonged outburst of bitter, outspoken denunciation: ***a tirade against smoking****,* ***a tirade in the Senate.***

3. **tranquil** - (adjective) calm; quiet; peaceful; free from commotion or tumult; peaceful; ***a tranquil country place.***Free from or unaffected by disturbing emotions; not agitated; serene; placid: ***a tranquil life.***

4. **austere** - (adjective) strict, stern; severe in manner or appearance; uncompromising; forbidding: ***an austere teacher****.* Rigorously self-disciplined and severely moral; ascetic; abstinent: ***the austere quality of life in the convent.***Grave; sober; solemn; serious: ***an austere manner****.* Without excess, luxury, or ease; simple; limited; severe: ***an austere life.***

5. **indignant** - (adjective) feeling or showing anger because of something that is unfair or wrong; very angry; feeling, characterized by, or expressing strong displeasure at something considered unjust, offensive, insulting, or base: ***indignant remarks; an indignant expression on his face.***

6. **qualms** - (noun) feelings of unease or nervousness; an uneasy feeling or pang of conscience as to conduct; compunction: ***He has no qualms about lying****.* A sudden feeling of apprehensive uneasiness; misgiving: ***a sudden qualm about the success of the venture****.* A sudden sensation or onset of faintness or illness, especially of nausea.

7. **curtness** - (noun) to be brief and short to the point of being rude; quality of being rudely abrupt in manner. Concise; terse.

8. **devoid** - (adjective) completely without; not possessing, untouched by, void, or destitute (*usually followed by of*).

9. **oblique** - (adjective) indirect; not stated directly; not straight or direct, as a course; indirectly stated or expressed; not straightforward: ***oblique remarks about the candidate's honesty.***Indirectly aimed at or reached, as ends or results; deviously achieved. Morally, ethically, or mentally wrong; underhand.

10. **prerogative** - (noun) an exclusive right, privilege, etc., exercised by virtue of rank, office, or the like: ***the prerogatives of a senator****.* A power, right or privilege limited to a specific person or to persons of a particular category: ***It was the teacher's prerogative to stop the discussion****.*

11. **tactful** - (adjective) able to say the right thing to a person without being offensive; possessing a keen sense of what to say or do to avoid giving offense; having skill in dealing with difficult or delicate situations.

12. **antagonize** - (verb) to cause anger or irritation; to oppose; to make angry; to make hostile or unfriendly; make an enemy or antagonist of: ***His speech antagonized many voters****.* To act in opposition to; oppose.

13. **infallible** - (adjective) never wrong; absolutely trustworthy or sure: ***an infallible rule****.* Unfailing in effectiveness or operation; certain: ***an infallible remedy****.* Not fallible; exempt from liability to error, as persons, their judgment, or pronouncements: ***an infallible principle****.*

14. **acquiescence** - (noun) agreement without protest; the act or condition of agreeing or giving tacit assent; consent by silence or without objection; compliance (*usually followed by to or in*): ***acquiescence to his boss's demands.***

15. **aggregation** - (noun) group; gathering; a body or mass composed of many distinct parts or individuals; a group or mass of distinct or varied things, persons, etc.: ***an aggregation of complainants.***

16. **begrudge** - (verb) to feel resentment or disapproval about the fact that someone else has something; to envy or resent the pleasure or good fortune of someone: ***She begrudged her friend the award****.* To be reluctant to give, grant, or allow: ***She did not begrudge the money spent on her children's education***

17. **futility** - (noun) quality or feeling of being ineffective; uselessness, hopelessness.

18. **impassive** - (adjective) showing no emotion; apathetic; unmoved; calm; serene

19. **ominous** - (adjective) threatening; sinister; portending evil or harm; foreboding; inauspicious: ***an ominous bank of dark clouds*.** Indicating the nature of a future event, for good or evil; having the significance of an omen: ***Some of these events were immediately ominous, while others only later revealed themselves as such.***

20. **prevail** - (verb) to defeat an opponent especially in a long or difficult contest; to be usual, common, or popular; to be or continue to be in use; to be widespread or current; exist everywhere or generally: ***Silence prevailed along the funeral route.***To appear or occur as the more important or frequent feature or element; predominate: ***Green tints prevail in the upholstery****.* To be or prove superior in strength, power, or influence (*usually followed by over*): ***They prevailed over their enemies in the battle****.* To use persuasion successfully: ***He prevailed upon us to accompany him.***

21. **stifle** - (verb) to suppress; to keep down or hold back; to quell, crush, or end by force: ***to stifle a revolt; to stifle free expression; to stifle a yawn.***

22. **succinct** - (adjective) precise and without any extras; clear and brief; expressed in few words; concise; terse; characterized by conciseness or verbal brevity.

23. **affirm** - (verb) to firmly declare, state, confirm; to assert positively; maintain as true: ***to affirm one's loyalty to one's country; He affirmed that all was well.***To confirm or ratify: ***The appellate court affirmed the judgment of the lower court.*** To express agreement with or commitment to; uphold; support: ***to affirm human rights.***

24. **dispel** - (verb) to drive away; to make something (belief, feeling, idea) go away or end; to drive off in various directions; disperse; dissipate: ***to dispel the dense fog****.* To cause to vanish; alleviate: ***to dispel her fears.***

25. **eccentricities** - (noun) oddities; unconventionalities; characteristics that are out of the ordinary and somewhat bizarre; a peculiarity, as of conduct: ***an interesting man, known for his eccentricities.***